

Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for the East Midlands Meeting on 1 December 2015

CEM 2015 (4)

Summary report of the meeting of the Committee for the East Midlands held on Tuesday 1 December 2015 at 10.30 a.m. at St Martin's House, Leicester Cathedral.

Members: Jim Harker (Chair)
Heather Broughton
Mo Cooper
Geoff Nickolds
Atul Patel (Trustee)
David Stocker

Apologies: John Everitt

1. Chair's Report

Oral

The Chair, Jim Harker, welcomed Jonathan Platt to his first meeting as Head of Region. He also welcomed Jo Baker, Government and Parliamentary Relations Officer, to the meeting. John Everitt had sent apologies.

He had attended the meeting of Regional and Country Chairs and also the Board meeting in October.

2. Declarations of Interest

Oral

David Stocker mentioned that:

- under item 12, GPOW overview, he had prior knowledge of two cases: Holy Trinity, Lenton and St. Oswald's Church through his role on Lincolnshire DAC.
- He had a link to the International Bomber Command project through his chairmanship of the Heritage Trust for Lincolnshire Advisory Board.

Heather Broughton mentioned that a friend was closely associated with the St Helen's Heritage Project (item 13); however she had no knowledge of the project.

John Everitt was not in attendance, but had mentioned prior to the meeting a connection with item 7; Going Wild in Derby. He was a former employee of the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust; part of the same federation as Derbyshire Wildlife Trust.

Jonathan Platt, Head of Region, mentioned that he had seen an early version of the Discovering Heritage Skills (item 9) case paper in his previous role at Lincolnshire County Council.

Amanda noted that she had a connection with item 15; Carrington Street Area Townscape Heritage through her role at the Canal and Rivers Trust.

The Committee considered that none of these represented conflicts of interests.

3. Minutes of the meeting on 15 September 2015

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The minutes were signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

Oral

There were none.

5. Regional overview

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Jonathan Platt, Head of HLF East Midlands, presented the overview of activities in the region.

6. Budget paper

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Four first round pass requests were received totalling £2,655,500. The indicative first round pass budget was £1,611,350 so cases would need to be prioritised.

Two second round applications and four first round development grants had been received totalling £2,808,300. However, the Committee were able to support both applications should they meet the quality threshold and be deemed good value for money.

SF4 first round applications for discussion and decision

- **Heritage Grants**

7. Going Wild in Derby; HG-14-07380

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Derbyshire Wildlife Trust sought a first round pass of £426,900 including a development grant of £52,800 (93% of total eligible development costs) for a three year project working with local green space groups across the city of Derby. The scheme would respond to a need across the natural heritage sector to build capacity and skills amongst voluntary groups in the face of resource cuts. New volunteers would be recruited from diverse backgrounds and trained in practical conservation tasks and species management as well as governance and sustainability. An associated programme of activities would be delivered.

The Committee for the East Midlands **rejected** the application due to concerns raised.

8. Heritage and Health: Returning the Heritage to the Old Library and Museum, Worksop; HG-15-03541

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Aurora Wellbeing Centre sought a first round pass of £1,371,300 including a development grant of £131,300 (82% of total eligible development costs) to repair and restore the building; a support centre for people diagnosed with cancer. The scheme would create a dedicated heritage area and a virtual museum. A programme of activities would be delivered exploring the links between heritage and wellbeing and incorporating heritage in the on-going therapeutic work of the charity.

The Committee had rejected a previous submission in June 2015 in light of the available budget at the meeting.

The Committee for the East Midlands considered that the project represented a high priority for support and **awarded** a first round pass of £1,371,300 including a development grant of £131,300 (82% of total eligible development costs).

9. Discovering Heritage Skills – Lincoln; HG-14-07707

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Lincolnshire County Council sought a first round pass of £389,900 including a development grant of £16,200 (87% of total eligible development costs) for a scheme to introduce a range of training opportunities specifically aimed at young people. Trainees would gain practical experience in the repair of historic buildings to ensure that a new cohort of young people could progress into occupations to support the long term upkeep and maintenance of the region's rich and diverse built heritage.

The Committee for the East Midlands considered that the project represented a low priority for support and **rejected** the application due to concerns raised and in light of the available budget.

- **Heritage Enterprise**

10. Derelict Market Rasen Station Restoration; HE-15-02357 CEM 2015 (4) 10

Market Rasen Station Community Project CIC sought a first round pass of £467,400 including development grant of £71,700 (91% of total eligible development costs) to restore and renovate Market Rasen's Grade II Listed former railway station. The scheme would provide space for 6 small start-up businesses and community groups with offices, workshops and training facilities. A series of activities would be delivered including hard hat and completion building tours, schools talks and creation of permanent interpretation displays at the station.

The Committee for the East Midlands considered that the project represented a high priority for support and **awarded** a first round pass of £467,400 including a development grant of £71,700 (91% of total eligible development costs).

11. Prioritisation of HG and HE items Oral

During the case by case discussions, the Committee considered that:

- *Heritage and Health* (item 8) and *Derelict Market Rasen Station Restoration* (item 10) represented a high priority for support
- *Discovering Heritage Skills* (item 9) represented a low priority for support
- *Going Wild in Derby* (item 7) should be rejected.

The two priority cases were awarded first round passes.

- **Grants for Places of Worship**

12. Grants for Places of Worship Applications CEM 2015 (4) 12

In the East Midlands, three first round applications with a grant request of £377,200 were received against a regional budget of £191,638. At the initial sift, Historic England and HLF agreed that one case was not considered to be of sufficient urgency to take forward to full assessment (12c).

The remaining two cases underwent full assessment (12a and 12b), and Historic England provided detailed technical advice to establish the urgency of the repair works. HLF assessment also looked at how well the application met outcomes for communities.

The following decisions were taken:

12a	Securing a Warmer Welcome to Holy Trinity Lenton: Phase 2	Holy Trinity Church, Lenton, Nottingham	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £131,400 WITHOUT DEVELOPMENT FUNDING
12b	Urgent structural repairs to the Chancel and provision of heritage interpretation facilities for the community	St Pauls Church, Woodhouse Eaves, Leicestershire	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £114,200 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £20,000 (65% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)

12c	Linking new resources to an evolving community based hub as St Oswald's Church	St Oswalds Church, Strubby, Lincolnshire	REJECT
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SF4 second round applications for discussion and decision

- **Heritage Grants**

13. St Helen's Heritage Project - Ashby de la Zouch; HG-13-09697 CEM 2015 (4) 13

St Helen's Parochial Church Council sought funding to extend and upgrade facilities at St. Helen's Church in Ashby De La Zouch and a neighbouring cottage and to provide interpretation and a programme of activities. Capital works would include the renovation and extension of a dilapidated 1970s cottage to create a community heritage centre to provide visitor facilities and a sustainable income source. An associated programme of learning and participation opportunities would be delivered.

The Committee for the East Midlands awarded a first round pass of £511,990 including a development grant of £43,500 (63% of eligible development costs) in March 2014. An uplift of £136,400 (29%) was sought relating to capital costs and better proposals for community engagement.

The Committee for the East Midlands **awarded** a grant of £604,800 (79% of total eligible delivery costs).

14. New Bolsover Model Village - re-building pride in the community; HG-13-09877 CEM 2015 (4) 14

Bolsover District Council sought funding to restore and upgrade the appearance of Grade II listed New Bolsover Model Village in Derbyshire; an estate of nationally important social housing. The scheme would deliver physical improvements to the 194 houses, reinstating original features to houses and repairing brick and stonework. Public realm improvements would be undertaken and an activity plan would be delivered including training and volunteer opportunities.

The Committee for the East Midlands awarded a first round pass of £1,813,100 including a development grant of £68,200 (82% of eligible development costs) in March 2014. An uplift of £186,600 (11%) was sought due to significant cost increases associated with works to the houses.

The Committee for the East Midlands **awarded** a grant of £1,931,500 (18% of total eligible delivery costs).

- **Townscape Heritage**

15. Carrington Street Area Townscape Heritage; TH-13-03172 CEM 2015 (4) 15

Nottingham City Council sought funding for a Townscape Heritage scheme on Carrington Street, the main pedestrian route to Nottingham city centre, the Castle and other heritage attractions from the train station. The project would include parts of the station and the canal conservation areas. Proposals would repair historic fabric, roofs and windows and reinstatement of original architectural features. A series of associated activities would be delivered.

The Board awarded a first round pass of £716,900 including a development grant of £34,500 (76% of total eligible development costs) in January 2014.

The Committee for the East Midlands **awarded** a grant of £682,400 (40% of total eligible delivery costs).

SF4 first round Board applications for discussion and recommendation

- **Townscape Heritage**

16. Townscape Heritage Overview CEM 2015 (4) 16

The Overview was noted.

17. The enhancement and regeneration of Worksop's historic commercial street and forgotten spaces; TH-14-09439 CEM 2015 (4) 17

Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) sought a first round pass of £1,350,200 including a development grant of £67,800 (73% of total eligible development costs) for a project focused on Bridge Street in the Worksop Conservation Area to bring under-used buildings and spaces back to use. Repairs would be carried out to seven high priority and seven medium priority buildings, with seven in reserve. The scheme would carry out repairs to roofs, facades, windows and stonework and would also include the removal of inappropriate features. An associated activity programme would be delivered.

The Committee for the East Midlands considered that the project represented a **high priority** for support. The Board would determine the application in January 2016.

18. Mansfield Market Place - The Pride of Mansfield; TH-15-03074 CEM 2015 (4) 18

Mansfield District Council sought a first round pass of £1,037,000 including a development grant of £52,500 (94%) for a five year project to repair, restore and reinstate original features to commercial, privately owned buildings within Mansfield's Market Place Conservation Area. The scheme would also include public realm improvements to a prominent memorial and the introduction of appropriate heritage style signage. A varied programme of activities would be delivered to engage a wide demographic.

The Committee for the East Midlands considered that the project represented a **medium priority** for support. The Board would determine the application in January 2016.

19. Prioritisation Oral

There was no need to prioritise the items.

SF4 second round Board applications for discussion and recommendation

- **Heritage Grants**

20. International Bomber Command Centre; HG-14-02469 CEM 2015 (4) 20

The Lincolnshire Bomber Command Memorial sought a grant of £3,101,900 (45% of total eligible delivery costs) to transform the Lincolnshire based Interpretation Centre and Memorial into a central hub for the interpretation of the Bomber Command story. The proposals would present the experiences of those who served or were affected by Bomber Command's campaigns and preserve their stories and documents in a comprehensive digital archive. An associated programme of activities would engage with visitors and volunteers.

The Board awarded a first round pass of a first round pass of £3,095,500 including a development grant of £426,500 (51% of total eligible development costs) in September 2014. An uplift of £241,400 (12%) was sought.

The Committee for the East Midlands considered that the project represented a **high priority** for support. The Board would determine the application in January 2016.

Items for discussion

21. Priority Development Area review **CEM 2015 (4) 21**

Lesley Owen-Jones, Development Manager, presented the review.

The development team had performed well across both priority areas. It was, therefore, agreed that the team include Erewash and Gedling as priority areas for the remainder of the strategic framework.

The Committee congratulated the development team on their successes throughout the latest strategic framework.

Items for information

22. Parks for People Overview **CEM 2015 (4) 22**

The report was noted.

23. Communications Report **CEM 2015 (4) 23**

Tom Williams, Communications Manager, presented the report.

It had been a positive quarter for the East Midlands with no major issues to report. Coverage of funding awarded to the British Horological Institute was particularly good and there had been early coverage of Buxton Crescent.

24. Review of Delegated Grants **CEM 2015 (4) 24**

25. Report of the Equality Steering Group **CEM 2015 (4) 25**

The reports were noted.

26. Corporate Update **Oral**

Anne Jenkins, Deputy Director of Operations, provided an update on the midpoint review of the strategic framework. The Board had a discussion at their meeting in October to discuss options for the future of HLF programmes.

27. Minutes from the meeting of the Regional and Country Chairs on 13 October 2015
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The minutes were noted.

28. Any other business **Oral**

There was none.

The next meeting will be held on 8 March 2016.